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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 8-10

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1. U.S. COVERAGE OVER WEEKEND IS RATHER HEAVY AND ON
BALANCE POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH MUCH IS MADE OF OPPOSITION TO
CUTS IN U.S. MILITARY EXPENDITURES:

-- JAN 10 PRAVDA CARRIES RATHER UNUSUAL VERBATIM
TRANSCRIPT OF EXCERPTS FROM CARTER PRESS CONFERENCE IN
PLAINS. EXCERPTS EMPHASIZE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S INTEREST

IN MEETING WITH BREZHNEV IN FALL, HOPEFULLY AFTER PROGRESS ON SALT. CARTER'S COMMENT THAT HE "CANNOT" ANSWER JOURNALISTS' QUESTIONS ON SIGNALS OR HINTS FROM THE RUSSIANS IS FOLLOWED BY HIS COMMENT ON SOVIET MESSAGES RECEIVED TO DATE.

-- JAN 8 IZVESTIYA HAS SHORT TASS WASHINGTON PIECE ON CARTER'S ECONOMIC MEASURES DESIGNED TO STIMULATE ECONOMY. THESE MEASURES, ACCORDING TO "PRESS," WILL GIVE "RELATIVELY MODEST RESULTS."

-- CENTRAL PRESS JAN 8 GIVES LENGTHY PLAY TO TASS ROUNDUP OF WESTERN RESPONSE TO BREZHNEV NEW YEAR'S DAY REPLIES TO QUESTIONS OF KINGSBURY-SMITH. DEAN OF BRIDGEPORT UNIVERSITY PHILOSOPHY DEPT, G. PARSONS, WAXES ELOQUENT AND CONCLUDES THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER IS "SAID TO UNDERSTAND" THAT PENTAGON "STATISTICS" ON SOVIET ARMS BUILDUP ARE "NOTHING LESS THAN MYTHS." ACCORDING TO TASS, "POLITICAL COMMENTATORS" CONCLUDES THAT AFTER A CERTAIN PERIOD OF STAGNATION, 1977 WILL SEE A SIGNIFICANT "REVITALIZATION" OF SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS WHICH WILL BE CROWNED WITH A SUMMIT MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

-- PLAYING ON A THEME FROM WEEKEND COVERAGE OF U.S. DISARMAMENT DILEMMA, S. VISHNEVSKIY'S JAN 8 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" DESCRIBES "DISINFORMATION". IS QUITE CRITICAL OF "A" AND "B" GROUP STUDIES ON ISSUE, CLAIMING THAT "B" GROUP WAS COMPOSED OF "FORMER PENTAGON CIVIL SERVANTS, AND SPECIALISTS FROM ANTI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNIST CENTERSM."

-- JAN 8 IZVESTIYA AND JAN 9 KZ DIG UP ARTICLE IN RECENT U.S. BUSINESS JOURNAL, "AMERICAN METAL MARKET AND METALWORKING NEWS," WHICH REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED BAD EFFECT ON THIS INDUSTRY OF SLOWDOWN OF U.S. - SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP.

-- JAN 7 IZVESTIYA DESCRIBES PREPARATIONS FOR CARTER INAUGURATION (ELECTORAL COLLEGE -- PROOF OF ANARCHRONISTIC U.S. ELECTORAL SYSTEM), AND JAN 8 PRAVDA NOTES CONGRESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTORAL COLLEGE RESULTS.

-- JAN 8 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES RATHER LONG TASS NY ARTICLE DESCRIBING VARIOUS RECENTLY PUBLISHED "LETTERS" FROM U.S. POLITICAL PRISONERS WHICH REFUTE OFT -HEARD CLAIM THAT THESE PRISONERS ARE "ORDINARY CRIMINALS."

-- JAN 8 PRAVDA REPORTS ON NY TIMES ARTICLE
BY JOHN MARKS ON U.S. SUPPORT OF IBRD LOAN TO PINOCHET
REGIME.

-- SEVERAL ITEMS IN WEEKEND PRESS HIT AT "HAWKS"
AND SUPPORTERS OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX FOR
"CAMPAIGN" TO INCREASE DEFENSE SPENDING AND DEVELOP NEW
WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHILE CARTER ABOUT TO COME INTO OFFICE
COMMITTED TO REDUCING DEFENSIVE OUTLAYS. PRAVDA'S INTER-
NATIONAL WEEK JAN 9 CLAIMS HAWKS ARE "WRINGING THEIR
HANDS" AT CARTER, TRYING TO FORCE LARGER EXPENDITURES.
KZ'S POL-MIL OBSERVER COLUMN JAN 9 USES SAME PHRASE
AND CITES SECDEF RUMSFELD AS LEADING THE HAWKS.

-- JAN 9 PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE NOTE ON SENTENCING
IN ALEXANDRIA, VA., OF ANTI-ARMS RACE DEMONSTRATORS
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ARRESTED AT PENTAGON LAST DECEMBER.

-- JAN 7 IZVESTIYA NOTES DAGENS NYHETER ARTICLE
ON SWEDISH PROTEST TO U.S. EMBASSY OVER SPY PLANE INCIDENT.
IZVESTIYA DOES NOT NOTE THAT LATEST CASE OF SUCH INTER-
FERENCE IN CIVIL AIR CORRIDOR INVOLVED AN ALLEGED BRUSH
WITH AN AEROFLOT PLANE.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- KZ REPORTS JAN 9 MOVE OF GEN KULIKOV TO POST
AS CINC WP FORCES AND GEN OGARKOV TO KULIKOV'S OLD SPOT
AS CHIEF OF SOVIET GENERAL STAFF AND FIRST DEPUTY MINDEF.

-- COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN IN PRAVDA JAN 9 REPORTS
ON FRENCH CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
BECAUSE OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERRING SOVEREIGNTY
TO INTERNATIONAL ORGAN. COMMENTATOR YURI KHARLANOV
WRITES THAT PCF OPPOSES EC PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS BECAUSE
THEY WOULD INCREASE U.S. FRG "HEGEMONY", AND THAT ALL "DEMOCRATIC"
FORCES ARE OPPOSED TO INCREASED "POLITICIZING" OF THE

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COMMON MARKET.

- JAN 8 IZVESTIYA NOTES EXCHANGE OF CABLES
BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND LIBYAN PM AL-USS ON LATTER'S ACCESSION
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-- JAN 10 PRAVDA AND JAN 9 KZ REPORT ON PRE-
PARATIONS IN LEBANON FOR TURNING OVER HEAVY WEAPONS--
INCLUDING THOSE OF PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT--TO
ARAB SECURITY FORCE.

-- JAN 9 PRAVDA FRONT PAGES TEXT OF ALGERIAN
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S THANK-YOU CABLE TO BREZHNEV,

PODGORNY AND KOSYGIN FOR THEIR CONGRATULATORY CABLE TO HIM
ON HIS ELECTION.

-- JAN 8 AND 9 PRAVDA HAVE ARTICLES BASED ON
POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY EGYPTIAN NATIONAL-PROGRESSIVE (LEFT)
PARTY AND ITS LEADER, KHALID MUHI- AL-KIN.
KHALID REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR NORMALIZATION OF SOVIET-
EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND SAID THAT IMPROVEMENT OF
RELATIONSHIP WAS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AT PRESENT STAGE
WHEN PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE FOR RESUMPTION OF WORK
OF GENEVA CONFERENCE--CO-CHAIRMAN OF WHICH IS SOVIET UNION.

-- JAN 8 KZ CONTAINS LENGTHY ARTICLE BY S. KULIK
ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON LESOTHO FROM SOUTH
AFRICA. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIET
UNION IS "ON AGENDA," PM JONATHAN TELLS REPORTER. MIN
FINANCE SEKHONYANA ADDS THAT LESOTHO INVITED SOVIET DIAMOND
SPECIALIST G. SMIRNOV BECAUSE IT DID NOT TRUST WESTERN
MONOPOLIES LINKED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

-- JAN 9 KZ "INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-POLITICAL
REVIEW" COLUMN BY V. BEREZIN AND V. VINOGRADOV DESCRIBES
GARRISON STATE ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING IN RHODESIA. JAN 18
PRAVDA HAS SEVERAL ARTICLES ON THEME OF WESTERN (INCLUDING
U.S.) MERCENARIES FIGHTING FOR SMITH REGIME.

-- JAN 8 PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS MAPUTO ARTICLE
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DESCRIBING MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED TOUR FOR
CERTAIN DIPLOMATS OF BAZARUTO ISLAND. DIPLOMATS WERE
CONVINCED WITH THEIR OWN EYES, SAYS TASS, OF ABSOLUTE
FALSEHOOD OF RUMOR ABOUT "SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE" IN
MOZAMBIQUE.

-- OLEG ORESTOV IN JAN 9 PRAVDA'S "INTERNATIONAL
WEEK" COLUMN DESCRIBES ZIMBABWE NATIONALIST LEADERS
WINNING "FIRST ROUND" AT GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA.

-- JAN 8 IZVESTIYA NOTES EXCHANGE OF CABLES
BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND MAURITIUS PM RAMGOOLAM ON LATTER'S
ACCESSION TO POST.

-- SAME ISSUE NOTES MEETING BETWEEN CHAIRMAN OF
STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS SKACHKOV
AND NIGERIAN PERMANENT SECRETARY OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
A. DZHODA BYLI (PHONETIC).

-- JAN 10 PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE BY I. SHCHEDROV
BASED ON "ASIA WEEK" ARTICLE ON SECRET TALKS BETWEEN

THAIS AND U.S. OVER REOPENING OF U.S. ELECTRONIC
SPY CENTER RAMASUN NEAR THAI-LAOTIAN BORDER. JAN 9
PRAVDA HAS SHORT ARTICLE BY SHCHEDROV CITING THAI DEPMIN
OF DEF ON DECISION TO PURCHASE 15 TONS OF MILITARY
SUPPLIES FROM U.S.

-- JAN 9 PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS PEKING
WRAP-UP ON MEMORIAL DEMONSTRATION IN PEKING FOR CHOU EN-LAI
AND ON WALL POSTERS ACCUSING GROUP OF FOUR OF RECENT
TIENANMEN SQUARE PROVOCATIONS AND DESCRIBING TENG AS
BEING VICTIM OF GROUP OF FOUR SLANDERS.

-- JAN 7 IZVESTIYA NOTES EXCHANGE OF CABLES
BETWEEN KOSYGIN AND SINGAPORE PM LEE ON LATTER'S APPOINT-
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-- SAME ISSUE NOTES SUPREME SOVIET PRESIDUM
RATIFICATION OF SOVIET-MONGOLIAN BORDER TREATY SIGNED
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